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A soldier in a dark uniform is positioned in a forest, holding a night vision device. The soldier's hands are visible, gripping the device. The background is a lush green forest with a tree trunk on the left. The overall scene is dimly lit, emphasizing the use of night vision technology.

**Operation Splat tests
soldier skills**

TNOSC upgrade improves networks

UFL tests soldiers, new equipment

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Sgt. Suh Min-sung uses his combat skills to cover his squad during “Operation Splat”, a paintball training exercise conducted with his company.

Photo by Pvt. 2 Shin, Hyung-bum



**1st Signal Brigade
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Message from 1st Signal Brigade Commander

Happy Chusok to the soldiers, civilians, Korean National employees, KATUSAs and families of the 1st Signal Brigade. Chusok, also known as the Korean Thanksgiving, is held on the 15th day of the 8th lunar month. Chusok means a great day in the middle of August. It occurs during the harvest season. Korean families take this time to thank their ancestors for providing them with rice and fruits. Marcia and I wish the 1st Signal Brigade Family a safe holiday.

Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL '03) was a huge success. I want to thank the 2,500 plus soldiers, KATUSAs, Korean Nationals and civilians who participated on UFL '03 for your team effort and outstanding performance. You surpassed the standard set during UFL'02 and RSOI'03. Our customers have commented that it was the best exercise ever. Because of you, the warfighter was able to accomplish all training objectives. Well done, "First Team."

On 5 August 2003, the Brigade hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly renovated Theater Network Operations and Security Center (TNOSC) located on Camp Walker. The TNOSC provides the warfighter centralized real-time network monitoring, management, administration, configuration, performance, accounting and security of Theater's Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Information Systems (C4IS) in support of combined, joint, and Army operations during armistice and, on order, transition to war. Simply stated, the TNOSC monitors and maintains the common operational picture of theater networks and long haul transmission systems. It provides real-time situational awareness of the Korean Theater of Operations networks. The TNOSC will greatly enhance our support to the warfighter.

In ending, I would like to welcome all of the soldiers, civilians, KATUSAs and families that have arrived since our last publication. A special welcome to the Deputy Commander, COL Timothy O'Hara and his family - Rosemary, Brenna, Daniel, Erin and Cavan. COL O'Hara is returning to 1st Signal Brigade after graduating from the Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. COL O'Hara previously served in the Brigade as a platoon leader in the 275th and 552nd Signal Companies, and Commander, 552nd Signal Company. Welcome Home!

*It is an honor to lead this outstanding organization. Thank-you for all that you do.
God Bless*

"First To Communicate!"



Ronald M. Bouchard
Ronald M. Bouchard
COL, SC
Commanding



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Message from 1st Signal Brigade Command Sergeant Major

Greetings to all the outstanding soldiers of the finest signal brigade in the Army today! Team Signal, it's both a privilege and an honor to address all of you in the "Voice of the ROK".

One word comes to mind regarding your performance during exercise Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL) '03- "Awesome!" Despite losing key personnel from each of your respective organizations, you were still able to accomplish the mission with flying colors, and at the same time raise the band of excellence, both of which are indicative of team effort, expertise, selfless dedication and professionalism. All of you should all be very proud of your accomplishments, personally and as Team Signal. As I have said before, "You make this brigade what it is... the finest signal brigade in the Army!"

Team Signal, as noteworthy as your recent and past accomplishments are, lets continue to look forward, because our environment does not afford us the luxury to remain idle too long. There are significant milestones ahead that we must accomplish, so that we can maintain the cutting edge of C4IS. Each of you, as a soldier, has a role and responsibility—no matter how big or small—as we look forward to the future. After all is said and done, you will be able to look back on your assignment in Korea and feel a sense of pride of being an integral part of 1st Signal Brigade's overall mission—to provide vital communications support to allied forces throughout the Asian continent.

As the new fiscal year approaches, I'd be remised not to mention two outstanding soldiers in this brigade, whom both are authors of significant accomplishments. Most notably, SSG Mitchell H. Winnik, 41st Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, for his selection as the Brigade and Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM) NCO of the Year. In addition, SPC Michael Cavezza, 304th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade, for his selection as the Brigade Soldier of the Year and 2nd Runner-up at the NETCOM Soldier of the Year competition.

In closing, remember your seven Army values and you can't go wrong. Additionally, if you avoid the Four D's—Drugs, Domestic violence, DUI and Dumb stuff—you will have a rewarding and successful tour here in the "Land of the Morning Calm." Safety first, soldiers and families always!



**"There is no substitute for
outstanding leadership!"**

**Alejo C. Quinata
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Editorial

Recovering addict shares his experience

I am an addict. A better way to term it is: I am a recovering addict. I am sharing this revelation in the belief that I can bring hope to others who are fighting addictions. I want them to know that it can be done. You can change your life.

My 12-year battle with addiction influences my view of the world and my relationship with my wife and family. In the past, it affected my church standing, my finances and my work performance, as well as other aspects of my life. At one point, my addiction had control of my life, and I was miserable.

Addiction, whether it's gambling, smoking, alcoholism, obsessive overeating, or any number of ailments, is destructive and invades the life of the addict. An addiction is defined as being so dependent upon something that separation from it causes trauma.

You become devoted to it. It takes over your life. You feel you need it just to remain calm and be who you are. Whatever form the addiction takes, it takes away from the truly important things in life. It makes you lose sight of hope and see only misery.

It was that misery that made me want to change. I was able to see the destruction that was coming my way if I didn't change my life. It was then that I admitted that I had a problem. That first step was the one that started me on the path to recovery. It wasn't until I hit the bottom that I could admit my addiction.

My wife was upset and nearly left me. My boss was upset, and I was almost kicked out of the Army. I was upset, and more than once considered suicide.

In essence, I had hurt many people around me because of my selfish desires. However, even though they were hurt, I found that when I tried to change, the people who cared the most about me wanted to help me become a better person.

They loved me enough to help me fight my desires. Having that strong support system plays a vital role in recovering and overcoming addiction.

I was rock climbing once at a place called Lisa Falls. The rock there is slick granite and not easy to climb. I was leading the climb, and a trusted friend was on belay. I was about 25 to 30 feet in the air reaching for the next anchor to lock into, when my foot slipped. I began falling. My friend did his job and began pulling in the slack on the rope. I passed the anchor below me and was about six

feet from the ground when my friend stopped my fall.

In the same way that my friend stopped my descent when I slipped while climbing, friends and family can help keep an addict from falling.

By trusting in my family and friends, and being accountable to them, I am able to resist my addiction. That constant reminder that my wife, boss or friend is going to ask how I'm doing today, is a help in overcoming my addiction.

The biggest support I have is God. Turning my problems over to a higher power allows me to be truly introspective. It helps me to know that I am not doing it alone. It is easier for me to turn my problems over to Him. I believe He helps me through the recovery process when I ask Him.

Of course there are always people who are more than willing to cause you to go the opposite direction. It is important while you are working through an addiction to avoid people and circumstances that could lead you into a relapse.

Another beneficial support I have is therapy. By sharing my problems, worries, and fears with the therapist, I am better able to deal with them. My ability to function in life without turning to my addiction increases as we discuss life and better ways to cope with it.

Other types of professional help are available as well. There are 12-step programs for almost any addiction, as well as support groups and medications that can help. The more I desire to change, the more options I am willing to try to overcome the addiction. Where I used to do anything I could to get my "fix," I am now doing everything I can to find my way out of it.

Although I am in recovery, I still attend therapy sessions. I still rely upon God, family and friends to help me through each day without a relapse. The weak days are fewer and farther between, but they are still there, and I still need to keep my guard up. I am on the road to healing, though.

The results of working through my addiction are wonderful. I see my wife and family in a different light; we are closer than we have ever been. I am using my time in better pursuits, such as exercise, studying and taking my son swimming. I feel in control, rather than out of control. I am truly happy.

I wish I could share with you what I feel in my heart now that I have my priorities in order again. I hope this will help someone to see that there is a way out of addiction. It is not hopeless. You can find help. It is there; just reach out and take it.

(Editor's note: This article was submitted to Army News Service from a PAO office. The name of the author is being withheld.)



Chaplain's Corner

Prayer breakfast honors girls' death

Chaplain (Capt.) Sean Wead
41st Sig. Bn.

Recently, Korea grieved for the two children who were struck and killed by a U.S. Army vehicle in June last year. For some, the weight of grief pushes past their control exploding into violence on the street. People throughout Korea were touched by this tragedy. U.S. and KATUSA soldiers gathered on the one-year anniversary of the tragedy to calm their own emotions. They met early in the morning at a prayer breakfast to feed both their bodies and their spirit. Leading them was a rabbi, a priest and a Taoist.

After singing the national anthems for both Korea and the United States, the rabbi began a prayer. He remembered the two school children, Shin, Hyo-sun and Shim, Mi-seon.

Professor Jeromy Seligson, the main speaker, is a well published poet and professor of English at Hankuk

University. Being a professor on a Korean campus, he knows well the feelings and attitudes of many of his students to the tragedy that unfolded a year ago. He seemed genuinely touched that many of the U.S. and KATUSA soldiers also mourned the loss of two who were so young.

Taoism is a Chinese religion and philosophical system that has taken many forms. It has influenced other religions, especially Buddhism. Typically, the teachings are seen as mystical and personal. Nevertheless, it also addresses the functioning of society. In it's simplest form it strives to be free of all desires putting the person at peace.

Seligson explained the five healing sounds used in Taoism. They are related to the five elements of water, wood, fire, earth and metal. These elements are in turn connected to organs of the body; liver, heart, stomach and lungs. The tones are believed to bring a person's body and

soul into alignment with the elements that make up our environment. A level of perfection is met in attainment that supercedes reasoned thought.

This individual who demonstrated a way of being so different from their own culture and understanding fascinated the soldiers. It helped connect the soldiers to the underlining supports of Korean culture.

This in turn helped soldiers feel more connected to the two young people who so tragically lost their lives last year.

At Seligson's conclusion, I ended the session with a prayer and asked God to calm our hearts on this day of tragic remembrance and to give us that peace which surpasses all understanding.

Interesting enough, this prayer straight from the Christian tradition echoes that perfection of peace and understanding that the Taoist seeks to reach, demonstrating a common spiritual strand.

IG Corner

IG extension of eyes, ears, conscience of command

By Sgt. 1st Class Eric Wimberly
1st Sig. Bde. IG Office

The inspector general serves as a personal staff officer and noncommissioned officer to the brigade commander and is charged with inquiring into and reporting on the discipline, efficiency, economy, morale, training, and readiness throughout the command.

The IG functions as an extension of the eyes, ears, and conscience of the commander.

We perform the IG mission through four primary functions: providing assistance, conducting inquiries and investigations, conducting inspections, and teaching and training.

We provide assistance to soldiers, civilians and family members concerning matters of Army interest.

A request for assistance can be submitted in any form. It is not mandatory to do so, but we encourage soldiers to use their chain of command.

Commanders and leaders should be aware that preventing communication with an IG, taking reprisal actions against an individual who has gone to an IG, or making false official statements to an IG, are violations of punitive Army regulations, DOD Directives and U.S. Code.

IG inquiries are used to gather information needed to address allegations of wrongdoing by an individual. Investi-

gations are more formal and require a written directive by the brigade commander.

An IG inspection is a tool used by the commander to address issues or subjects of special interest.

Sensing sessions are a widely used tool to identify those problems.

Teaching and training is an integral function of the IG system. Gone are the days of "white glove" and "blazing guns" IG visits.

IGs have a responsibility to assist commanders in setting standards of behavior and appearance while providing information about Army systems, processes and procedures.

Confidentiality is a watchword in the IG system. Though it can not be guaranteed in all cases, it is a priority.

The intent is to protect privacy, minimize the risk of reprisal actions and to maintain confidence in the IG system. As an IG, we are never off the record.

We do not make command policy, recommend adverse personnel action, and will not do anything to jeopardize the distinction between being the extension of the commander and a fair and impartial fact-finder.

Your IG is ready to assist you. The 1st Sig. IG can be reached at 723-8867/4830 or through email at 1SIG-IGALL@korea.ignet.army.mil.

Need your clearance?

Expect delays due to backlog, reorganizing

By James Lint
1st Sig. Bde. Intelligence

Summer is the time of permanent change of stations with many new personnel arriving. The brigade intelligence office is no exception. We welcome the new brigade intelligence officer in charge, Maj. Paul Dies.

And, as all offices are having turn over, we must remember it is easy to overlook operational security issues such as changing the safe combinations.

When anyone leaves the office who has the safe combination, then a change of combination is required (AR 380-5). If a safe is put in storage then the required DOD storage combination is 50-25-50.

Recently, we hosted a Security Manager Training Event held through VTC for security managers from different units across the peninsula.

Some of the discussed issues are below and affect every soldier working in a job that requires a secret or above clearance.

Central Clearance Facility currently has more than 19,000 backlogged cases for top secret periodic reinvestigations awaiting adjudication. More than 10,000 secret investigations are awaiting adjudication.

The average case time for a top secret case to be completed from investigation to adjudication is more than 700 days. Cases with derogatory information will take longer.

Even with both Office of Personnel Management and Defense Security Service conducting investigations, the backlog still is only getting worst

Oct. 1 will stop the investigation mission for CCF. OPM will be the single sole source for security clearance investigations. OPM is not a DOD organization.

They will have a learning curve and challenges with the military. They also



presently conduct no overseas investigations.

Additionally, your security managers will have to call OPM clearance investigation headquarters in Boyers, Pa. while processing the security requests.

This is not a military city or state, and they have no DSN

lines. Your security managers will also have many challenges with the new system.

The Electronic Personnel Security Questionnaire better known as EPSQ was a military creation. OPM requires cases to be mailed in via the U.S. Post Office.

There is no electronic sending or email system. They are approximately one to two years out from developing a system. It has been decided that 1st Signal Brigade personnel will continue to use EPSQ and not OPM paper forms because of the EPSQ high quality validation system. OPM will allow DOD to continue to use EPSQ for one additional year.

Another issue discussed was many people sign an SF 312, Non-Disclosure Agreement in the brigade.

How many people read what they sign and know what they sign? One item is your obligation to protect what you know. This requires safeguarding and protecting classified information while on active duty and after you leave the service or retire. Just because you are a civilian after leaving the military does not relieve you of the responsibility to guard national defense information.

A person who refuses to sign an NDA will have their security clearance suspended pending formal revocation. Guarding classified material is not a short-term job, but a job you will have throughout your life.

Have a secure day and contact the 1st Signal Brigade Intelligence Office if you require assistance.

Brigade briefs ...

Caller ID

Caller ID is now possible for single-line DSN phones for the Army across the peninsula thanks to the efforts of 1st Signal Brigade.

The service, which has been available for multi-line phones, is now accessible for any DSN phone, including barracks and post housing.

Service members who have a nonofficial DSN phone on post may request the service at their post phone store. For official phones it can be requested through the unit's telephone officer.

Promotion Points

Beginning in Oct. 1 soldiers can earn 50 promotion points by passing skills tests or job-competency demonstrations required for technical certifications.

Soldiers will be awarded 10 promotion points for each technical, industry or professional certification they earn up to five certificates for a total of 50 promotion points. The points will be entered in the "Civilian Education" section of the Promotion Point Worksheet.

For more information go to <https://www.cool.army.mil>.

DSN Line Increase

A rate increase in the Class B1 and B2 phone lines will begin starting Oct. 1. This will effect Department of Defense employees with a DSN phone in their government quarters or with an unofficial business line.

The price of a government quarters line will go from \$24.34 to \$34.68. An unofficial business line will increase from \$43.07 to \$69.36.

No new DSN Class B phone services will be available after Oct. 1. Contact the local MWR office or the KT phone store for information on new services.

Soldier Spotlight

1st Sig. soldiers excell at NETCOM boards

1st Signal Brigade's NCO and Soldier of the Year took 1st place and second runner up at the NETCOM level competition held in June at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Sgt. Mitchell Winnik, 41st Sig. Bn., and Spc. Cavezza were put through a grueling one-week competition against signal soldiers from all over the world.

The goal was to show how well prepared they were by excelling in land navigation, marksmanship, physical fitness testing, soldier skills and the "murder board."

Day 1 -- The navigation course tested their skills to the extreme and was held on more than a dozen square kilometers of washes, gullies, hills, cacti, wild animals, some reptiles and lots of rock.

Day 2 -- While the next task, a

pop up target range, proved a bit tougher than some expected, the candidates were more than ready to blow through the Common Task Testing later that day.

Day 3 -- The morning started out cool, but things heated up as the candidates started knocking out the push-ups and sit-ups for the PT test.

"It was brutal," said Cavezza. "The PT test was challenging to anyone, no matter how well you've done."

A timed, 50-question written exam that followed that afternoon tested the candidates on various military subjects. Like CTT the day prior, the soldiers were ready for it, and most finished well

before the one-hour time limit.

Day 4 -- The "murder" board of sergeants major would be the final hurdle for the candidates.

"This is my bread and butter," said Winnik before the board. "I have a good time with it."

Day 5 -- The winners were announced. All of the candidates were brought forward, and each of them received a framed letter and coin from Maj. Gen. James Hylton, NETCOM/9th ASC Commanding General.

After being announced as the winner Winnik was amazed. "This is surreal. I can't believe it," he said.



Sgt. Mitchell Winnik uses a mirror to search under a vehicle June 23, during the vehicle search task.



Sgt. Mitchell Winnik knocks out push-ups June 25, during the Army Physical Fitness Test as Staff Sgt. Louis Sueing, NETCOM/9th ASC keeps count.

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Eric Hortin



Photo by Sgt. Sarah Maxwell

Customer Satisfaction

Staff Sgt. Christopher Page, NCOIC of long haul transmissions at the Theater Network and Security Center – Korea has been with 1st Sig. since 1998.

Having a job unique in the brigade, Page and the long-haul team were instrumental in helping a complete communications upgrade and cut-over for Asynchronous Transfer Modems resulting in a dramatic increase in the peninsula's network capabilities.

He said with this job he learns something new everyday, which is very rewarding. But he stays focused on the job's priorities.

"It's all about the customer," he said.

Cyber warfare armor

K-TNOSC renovations, upgrades arm network

Story, photos by
Spc. Daniel Okada
1st Sig. Bde. PAO

Years of renovations to the Korea Theater Network Operations and Security Center (K-TNOSC), 1st Signal Brigade on Camp Walker culminated Aug. 5 with a ribbon cutting ceremony formally reopening the facility for regular operations.

"This facility brings the peninsula into the 21st century digital warfighter. It's a facility that brings a network visual and control capability to the 1st Signal Brigade commander that he's never had before." Lt. Col. Michael F. Shillinger, director, K-TNOSC said.

According to Shillinger K-TNOSC is of extreme significance for the peninsula.

"These folks here in this facility are the first line of defense in cyber war-



Don Rouch, a 1st Sig. Bde. contracted technician, shows Pfc. Jarard Arnold the network systems at the newly renovated K-TNOSC building at Camp Walker. The TNOSC, which keeps the network up and running throughout the Korean Theater, celebrated a multi million dollar upgrade Aug. 5.

fare. They are the folks who are watching the networks day to day for security issues and keeping the data flowing throughout the entire theater," said Shillinger.

Renovations including a complete overhaul of the facility from October 2002 totaled more than \$3.5 million, according to Col. Ronald M. Bouchard, commander, 1st Signal Brigade

These renovations included everything from asbestos removal to electrical rewiring essential to meet current and future high-power needs of the facility.

Additional server space was added to increase data storage capacity in the Korean theater and the pipelines used to transmit this data throughout peninsula were upgraded to increase the speed information is sent and received.

These extensive upgrades led to the temporary closing of the facility during which the civilian workers and Army personnel found themselves working under less than favorable conditions.

While many worked in a cramped temporary office, rapid construction time tables resulted in many of the K-

TNOSC soldiers setting up temporary shop in tents erected behind the facility during monsoon season.

Staff Sgt. Eric D. Hammond, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 36th Signal Battalion, said "We did everything we could to make sure the working conditions were as good as possible in the temporary facility that we were in."

Maj. Jean Gaiennie, K-TNOSC operations officer, explained the renovations were in the design phase for about four years before the facility was completely

overhauled.

"It's been rough, but the soldiers took it in stride, and we did what we had to do to make our move quickly and make it professional and be operational as soon as we moved up."

Gaiennie added, "...everybody in the Army is looking at us right now because of the capabilities we now have to monitor communications on the Korean peninsula."

Although working under the temporary conditions was at times trying, now that the permanent facility has opened, work has become something most in the facility look forward to.

"It's been a little shaky, but now I intend to stay for at least two years. I like it here, and I think I can learn a lot here if I stay longer," said Pfc. Jarard Arnold.

Arnold said he thinks the facility renovations improve the work conditions and make it easier to get his missions accomplished.

"They already have. I was used to working at the other building where every once in a while we'd have something major, but now I have something to do every day and that's a good thing."



Col. Ronald M. Bouchard, commander, 1st Sig. Bde., cuts the ceremonial ribbon, officially reopening the newly renovated TNOSC for business.

Signal Chief

Top Signal officer visits 1st Sig. during UFL

By Alex Harrington
1st Sig. Bde. PAO

The U.S. Army's top Signal officer visited 1st Signal Brigade units across the Republic of Korea during Ulchi Focus Lens 03 to observe first-hand the efficiency of the brigade's network.

Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, chief information officer and G6, saw how the brigade handles its new technologies and command and control during the yearly United States Forces Korea exercise.

What he observed during his visit allowed him an enhanced understanding of how the Department of the Army Headquarters can better assist in the modernization of their control systems being implemented into the brigade.

An important test of any communications service is subscriber satisfaction. According to Boutelle every unit supported with real-time communications during the exercise were extremely positive about the service they received from 1st Sig -- without exception.

"It's almost unusual because providing communications and networks is like providing utilities -- water and electricity," he said. "You usually don't talk to your water or utility company unless there is a problem. However, every unit that I visited gave high compliments and praise for services offered by 1st Signal Brigade in support of UFL 03 and how they professionally and expeditiously handled communications problems."

Boutelle said he was impressed to hear about the positive services provided by 1st Signal Brigade. He praised the brigade's leadership team for their commitment to provide robust command, control, communications, computers and information systems via strategic and tactical means to support Combined Forces Command, United States Forces Korea, and 8th United States Army.

"1st Signal Brigade has tremendous leadership in the brigade commander, Colonel Ronald Bouchard



Photos by Pvt.2 Shin, Hyung-bum
Lt. Gen. Steven Boutelle, Army G6 and CIO, visits a 304th Sig. Bn. tactical communications site at Camp Humphreys during UFL.

and in his battalion commanders and officers, warrant officers, senior enlisted and noncommissioned officers," he said. "... that unique quality shows in how they provide communications systems and networks to CFC, USFK, 8th U.S. Army."

As a former 1st Sig. company commander in the 1970s, Boutelle said the changes in the brigade and in the country aren't just in the technology. He said the biggest change he's seen is in the Signal Corps soldiers.

"I think the professionalism of the volunteer Army has really taken hold," he said. "As you visit the 1st Signal Brigade soldiers, and all the soldiers over here, you see their desire to be here, to do well, and to be technically qualified and be part of this team, which is the best I've seen in my time in the Army."

Boutelle said he believes the Signal soldiers' improved competence is due to their higher education level than those of 30 years ago.

"They really understand what they're doing, why they're doing it, and how it works," he said.

"It also drives the Army as a whole to be relevant. Because the young soldiers understand what's doable in technology and what's happening in the private corporate world, and they are

very sensitive to whether or not if the Army is relevant and whether if they're antiquated."

Although well-trained soldiers and advanced technology are achievable, Boutelle said there is a bigger picture to look at.

He said soldiers must remember the enemy has the same basic ability -- to disseminate information through voice and data.

"We must not get into the mindset that we are the only ones who have the capability to provide voice and data communications," he said.

"The enemy is just as capable to manage, disseminate and get the right to their groups."



Boutelle visits with a 1st Sig. tactical communications site soldier.

New commanders welcomed

1st Sig. sees 3 of 4 battalions change hands this summer

Bigger takes 304th reigns

Story, photo by Spc. Daniel Okada
1st Sig. Bde. PAO

A change of command ceremony was held at Camp Colbern July 22, transferring leadership of the 304th Signal Battalion from Lt. Col. John S. Holwick to Lt. Col. Clinton Bigger.

During his final address to the 304th, Holwick thanked members of the 304th and the 1st Signal Brigade commander, Col. Ronald Bouchard.

Lt. Col. Clinton R. Bigger is a native of Waverly, Iowa. He joined the U. S. Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Graduating with honors in 1986



Lt. Col. Clinton Bigger

with a bachelor's of arts in secondary education with emphasis on history, Bigger entered active duty attending the Signal Officer Basic Course.

Some of Bigger's previous assignments include operations plans officer, 2nd Infantry Division; chief, Command and Control Systems Division joint communications, Joint Task Force Southwest Asia; and G8 Headquarters, Department of the Army, Pentagon.

The 304th Signal Battalion's mission is to provide a combat-ready, forward-deployed tactical Signal battalion in support of the commander, United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command, and United States Forces Korea, and the warfighters of the Eighth U.S. Army during conditions of armistice and crisis.



Photo by Pvt.2 Shin, Hyung-bum
Lt. Col. Michelle P. Bolinger

36th now in Bolinger's hands

By Capt. Robert L. Collins
36th Sig. Bn.

The 36th Signal Battalion, 1st Signal Brigade welcomed a new commander June 18 on Kelly Field, Camp Walker.

Battalion Commander Lt. Col. William J. Cunningham, Jr., passed the strategic signal battalion's colors to Lt. Col. Michele P. Bolinger.

Col. Ronald M. Bouchard, 1st Brigade Signal commander, expressed his gratitude to the tremendous job Cunningham did while commander of the 36th Sig. Bn. He retired in Taegu, Korea with his wife and four children.

Bolinger is arriving from the 516th Signal Brigade at Fort Shafter, Hawaii. This is her second tour on the Korean peninsula.

"These are exciting times ahead for the 36th Signal Battalion. I look forward to the challenge of building on the foundation that you've (Lt. Col. Cunningham) put in place," Bolinger said. "I am honored to be a part of such a professional organization."

Bolinger holds a bachelor's of science degree from St. Mary's University and a master's degree in Administration from Central Michigan University.

Her awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with four Oak leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal and Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

King grasps control of 307th

Story, photo by Pvt.2 Shin, Hyung-bum
1st Sig. Bde. PAO

A change of command ceremony was held at Camp Carroll June 17 to welcome the new 307th Signal Battalion commander.

Lt. Col. Rick T. King took the reigns from Lt. Col. Victor R. Butera, who commanded the tactical battalion for the last two years.

"Even though it wasn't easy for the brigade to bid Butera's farewell, the brigade is getting an exceptional leader and a man perfectly suited for this job," said Bouchard.

King's military education includes Airborne School, the Signal Officers Basic Course, the Communications-Electronics Signal Officers Course, the Signal Officers Advance Course, and the Air Command and Staff College.

King received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, a master's of military operational art and science from the Air Command and Staff College and a master's of science administration in information resource management from Central Michigan University. King's awards include the Meritorious Service medal (three oak leaf clusters), the Army Commendation Medal (one oak leaf cluster) the Army Achievement medal (three oak leaf clusters).



Lt. Col. Rick T. King



Pfc. Roche Joshua, 229th Sig. Co., sets up and tightens the poles of the tactical satellite, assuring they are the pillar of the communications at Dragon Head.



Spc. Jonathan Brimer, Co. B, 304th Sig. Bn., maintains the tactical communication system to ensure his mission of supporting the 501st CSG is in full swing with the best quality.



Pfc. Jason Tylor and Staff Sgt. Michael Aporte, 293rd Sig. Co., man the communication systems at the Camp Walker Tech. Control Facility.



Spc. Shaun Pulley, 362 Sig.Co., rewires phone lines to provide the communication.